

WASHINGTON POST AND TIMES HERALD
30 March 1955
EDITORIAL, "CIA in the Southwest"

"It is already apparent that a new CIA building near Langley, Va., bringing thousands of workers daily into this residential and farm area, would create vast problems in water and sewage service as well as necessitate drastic new highway and transportation arrangements if existing facilities were not to be hopelessly clogged. While these objections may not hold to the same degree for the site in Alexandria along the Shirley Highway, the problems there also would be formidable."

"Unless the Central Intelligence Agency plans really to disperse its operations, which would mean going well beyond the range of hydrogen attack and fall-out, we think there is strong reason to keep it in Washington proper. The near-paralysis of Civil Defense leadership that resulted from the move of the Capital Federal Civil Defense Administration to Battle Creek showed how difficult are operations away from the Capital."

4 November 1955
EDITORIAL, "Leave Langley Alone"

"If the new CIA buildings cannot become part of the Southwest Washington redevelopment program (and we still do not understand how a bomb that might hit Washington would be sure to spare Langley) then they ought to be located on the alternate tract near Alexandria."

7 December 1955
EDITORIAL, "Anywhere But Langley"

"If access to the White House is more important than dispersal, then let the new buildings be located in Alexandria where they would be welcome and would not violate good planning; or in Washington, which was the first choice of CIA anyhow."

"If there is Civil Defense reason to disperse the CIA headquarters, then let it be really dispersed--to Cumberland or even to Kalamazoo, where it could be a companion to the lonely and very much dispersed Civil Defense Administration at Battle Creek."